2022-23 GOAS Fall/Winter Field Trip Schedule

Please join us on one or more of our forays into the field. They are free and open to the public!

We encourage both beginning and experienced birders; membership is not required. Rest stops will be made on trips lasting three or more hours. Bring lunch, snacks, water, binoculars, sunscreen, insect repellent, and FRS radios tuned to 11/22, if you have them. No binocs? Let the field trip leader know you need them!

Wear clothing appropriate for weather, anticipating possible changes in temperature and precipitation.

We recommend sturdy, waterproof, closed-toe boots/shoes. Don’t forget a camera!

Check Birdability features—every body needs accessibility info before attending an outing!

Trips are led by experienced Chapter volunteers passionate about connecting people with nature.

Swifts and Sundaes
Meets Birdability Guidelines!
We’ll count Chimney Swifts as they swirl into Columns IV roosts, heading to Andy’s to celebrate when the show is over. Paved parking and viewing areas. Bring chairs.
Date: Sat. Sep 10, 2022, 7:30 to 8:30 pm
Meet: Tel-Com Credit Union parking lot, 2155 E Sunshine, 65804. Map
Leader: Charley Burwick 417-860-9505

Busiek State Forest Foray
Let’s watch for migrants heading south! Moderate walking on occasionally wet/muddy/grass and uneven surfaces.
Date: Sun. Sep 18, 2022, 8:00 to 11:00 am
Meet: MoDot Commuter parking lot, 3050 E Riverbluff Blvd, Ozark 65721. Map
Leader: Jill Hays 417-840-2485

Lake Springfield Specialties
Meets all Birdability Guidelines!
Take a leisurely stroll on the wide, paved paths, low slopes, benches, accessible restrooms.
Date: Sat. Sep 24, 2022, 8:30 to 10:30 am
Meet: Boathouse parking lot, 2312 Lake SGF Park Rd 65804 Map
Leader: Nikki Hummel 417-840-5791

MBS Fall Meeting
Connect with Birders across Missouri
Dates: Fri-Sun. Sep 23-25, 2022
See MBS webpage for details
mobirds.org/ASM/Meetings.aspx
Hosted by Missouri Birding Society

Birding RockSpan Farm
Always a good time at Dan and Margy Chiles’
Moderate hiking on slopes and uneven surfaced trails. We’ll search for early sparrows and others which are just arriving to spend the winter in Missouri.
Date: Sat. Oct 8, 2022, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
Meet: West Menard’s SW side of parking lot, 3803 W University St, SGF 65807. Map
Leaders: Ben & Jodi Caruthers 417-292-4597

Greenways Trail Along South Creek
Meets most Birdability Guidelines!
Paved paths from parking lot to the South Creek Trail. Restrooms not available.
Date: Sat. Oct 15, 2022, 8:30-11:00 am
Meet: Sherwood Elementary School, 2524 Golden Ave, SGF, 65807. Park on west side facing Golden. Map
Leader: Dorothy Thurman 417-631-6778

Easy Lake Springfield Park Stroll
Meets all Birdability Guidelines!
Join us for a stroll along the wide, paved paths, low slopes, with benches, accessible restrooms.
Date: Sat. Oct 22, 2022, 8:30-10:30 am
Meet: Boatouse parking lot, 2312 Lake SGF Park Rd, SGF 65804. Map
Leader: Marilyn Owens 417-569-4962

Adopt-A-Street Litter Pick-Up
Walking on sidewalks—not Birdability tested
Bring gloves, and a grabber if you have one. Trash bags will be furnished.
Date: Thu. Oct 20, 2022, 10:00 am
Meet: Southern Heights Church, 2222 S. Jefferson Ave, SGF 65807. Map
Leader: Betty Johnson 417-343-8725

Fellows Lake: Waterfowl & More
We’ll caravan around the lake’s north shore, stopping periodically. Easy to moderate walking on uneven, gravel/dirt/ and mulched paths.
Date: Sat. Nov 5, 2022, 8:30 to 11:00 am
Meet: Fellows Lake East Trailhead parking lot 6564 N FR 197, Strafford 65757. Map
Leader Charley Burwick 417-860-9505

Kansas ROAD TRIP!
Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and Cheyenne Bottoms
Shorebirds, Waders, Waterfowl. Cranes?
Dates: Fri-Sun Oct 28-30, 2022, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Reservations needed to reserve a block of rooms. Call the trip leader.
Leaders: Becky Swearingen, 417-766-1708
Charley Burwick, 417-860-9505
Details will be announced. See: greaterozarksaudubon.org/events
Learn more about: Quivira and Cheyenne Bottoms

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Beginning Birding for Families/Friends
Feeder Viewing at the Nature Center
Meets all Birdability Guidelines!
Want to learn how to ID birds? Join us for bird watching—up close! We’ll talk about field marks, fun facts, and more. Optional, we’ll walk the trails (does not meet Birdability criteria), with some leaders remaining in the viewing room.
Date: Sat. Nov 12, 2022, 9:30 to 11:30 am
Meet: Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 S Nature Center Way, SGF 65804, in the feeder viewing room. Map
Leader: Patty Hatcher 817-925-6165

Bois D’Arc Owl Prowl
The Owl Prowl is Back on the schedule!
Date: Sat. Dec 3, 2022, Time? Location?
Please check our webpage and facebook for details and updates, or call the trip leader.
Leader: Kendell Loyd 573-776-0901

SGF Christmas Bird Count
Date: Sat. Dec 17, 2022. Each team sets time and meeting location, including lunch arrangements. Compilation and Pot Luck Dinner time and location to be announced via Squarespace and posted on the website.
Leader: Greg Samuel 417-839-5627

Taney County Christmas Bird Count
Date: Sat. Dec 31, 2022. Each team sets time and meeting location, including lunch arrangements. Compilation will be conducted by Zoom. Link will be sent via Squarespace, and posted on the website.
Leader: Charley Burwick 417-860-9505

Longspurs around Lockwood Area
Caravan around one of our favorite hot spots, where we’ll stop frequently for sparrows, longspurs, and winter raptors.
Date: Sat. Jan 14, 2023, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Meet: West Menard’s, SW side pf parking lot, 3803 W University St, SGF 65807. Bring drinks, snacks, and lunch; FRS radios tuned to 11/22. MAP
Leaders: Steve & Debbie Martin 417-880-8960

Waterfowl at Lake Springfield Park
GOAS and MSU Bird Club Trip
Meets all Birdability Guidelines
The MSU Bird Club teams up with GOAS for a waterfowl watch field trip!
Date: Sun. Jan 22, 2023, 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Meet: West SGF Boathouse, 2312 Lake SGF Park Road, 65804. MAP Conditions might cause a change of location. Check the webpage and facebook or contact the leader:
Leader: Carter Stoezel 417-880-8960

31st Annual Bird Seed Sale!
Meets all Birdability Guidelines!
Drive-through, seed is loaded for you—happy birders; happier birds
Note: Order forms will go out earlier with a link to an order form and pay online option!
Date: Sat. Nov 19, 2022, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Watershed Center at Valley Water Mill Park, 2450 E Valley Water Mill Road, SGF 65803. MAP
Seed Sale Chair: Lisa Berger 417-860-9108

Looney For Loons
Table Rock Lake Pelagic Waterfowl Watch
This trip requires registration since we’ll be renting pontoon boat(s). Price is determined by the number of registrants. We’ll cruise the lake scanning for loons, ducks, grebes, and gulls. Bring drinks, snacks, and lunch.
Date: Sun. Nov 20, 2022, 7:30 am to 2:30 pm
Meet: MoDot Commuter parking lot, 3050 E Riverbluff Blvd, Ozark 65721 Map
Leader: Greg Swick 417-209-0652

Day and Night Shift on the Prairie
Lockwood and Golden City Environs
Diurnal and nocturnal raptors trade roosts as nighttime falls. Come watch the show!
Date: Sat. Feb 4, 2023, 10:30 am to 6:30 pm
Meet: West Menard’s, SW side of parking lot, 3803 W University St, SGF 65807. Map
Bring water, snacks, and carpooling to reduce vehicles. A lunch stop at Prairie Station is planned.
Leader: Becky Swearingen 417-766-1708

Bois D’Arc’s Winter Sparrows
Did you know many native sparrows winter in Missouri, and the House Sparrow is actually a weaver finch?
Learn more about our native sparrows on this trip. They are all quite stunning!
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Right, Yellow-billed Loon. Photo: Marky Mutchler, 2020

Harlan’s Hawk. Photo: Jerry Liguori, 2008